(c) whether CBSE follow a deliberate policy of creating awe and stress for school children; and

(d) what steps would be taken by CBSE to make it simple and easy and inexpensive to receive duplicate of 10th and 12th class certificates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has provided rules for issue of duplicate pass certificates in its examination bye laws which have been made effective from 31st January, 1995. Pass Certificate being the most important document, is issued only after ascertaining necessary facts about its lost/theft/mutilation status. This is done to prevent misuse of pass certificate by unscrupulous elements.

(c) and (d) No. Sir. The relevant rules have been framed to prevent unfair practices keeping in view the sensitivity of the document. The prescribed fee for issue of duplicate pass certificate is Rs. 50/- in ordinary cases and Rs. 100/- if the certificate is required within 48 hours. In ordinary case, the duplicate certificate is issued in a week's time.

CBSE curriculum

2687. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBSE is introducing exotic courses for 10th standard students;

(b) if so, the details of the 'Disaster Management' courses being prescribed by CBSE for 10th standard students;

(c) whether CBSE would at the same time, simplify other stress-related aspects of education for students; and

(d) if not, whether exotic and new courses would add further stress to anxious students and if so, the steps proposed by CBSE to carefully weight its action and novelty mended ideas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has introduced the subject of Disaster Managment course as a part of frontline curriculum in Social Science from class VIII to X.

(c) Yes, Sir. The CBSE has already taken several steps to de-stress the process of learning in schools.

(d) Does not arise.

Duplicate NCERT books

2688. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to media report regarding duplicating NCERT books;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that this business of printing-duplicate NCERT books was going on for the last three years;

(d) if so, the reasons for which this fraud could not come to the notice of NCERT early; and

(e) the measures taken to check such fraud in future and make the public aware of such frauds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The NCERT has intimated that a raid was conducted by its officials along with the local police on a 'Binding House' in the Naraina village of New Delhi on the basis of information provided by the police. Large quantities of pirated NCERT text books and pirated forms were seized. An FIR was lodged and the culprits were arrested.

(c) and (d) Whenever, any case of piracy of NCERT books comes to the notice of the NCERT through the clues provided either by any individual informer or by the Crime Branch of the police, immediate action is taken to book the culprits with the help of the area police.

(e) The NCERT is now using watermark paper (insingnia of NCERT watermarked) as security measures of identification of genuine books.